



**AFTER FINAL PROCEDURE - PLEASE EXPEDITE HANDLING  
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In re Application of:	)	Art Unit: 1652
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UEMURA et al.	)	Examiner: S. L. Swope
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Appln. No.: 09/856,320	)	Washington, D.C.
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Date Filed: May 21, 2001	)	Confirmation No. 6682
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For: NOVEL SERINE PROTEASE	)	February 2, 2004
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 4, 2003,  
please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.